

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action mailed June 2, 2004, and the references cited therein have been carefully reviewed

As a result of the Office Action, claim 18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first and second paragraphs, as well as under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Whitfield in view of Haslebacher.

The Office Action was discussed between the undersigned and the Examiner during a personal interview on September 24, 2004, for which, as a preliminary matter, the undersigned would like to thank the Examiner for taking the time to discuss this case and for the Examiner's helpful comments and suggestions.

As agreed during the interview, the Section 112, first and second paragraph rejections have been withdrawn, and claim 18 has now been amended to recite a non-perforated work table to distinguish over the prior art combination. No new matter has been added. Therefore, it is believed that claim 18 is now patentable over the prior art combination.

Each issue raised in the Office Action mailed June 2, 2004, has been addressed and it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance. Wherefore, Applicants respectfully request a notice of allowance be issued in this case.

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